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TOWN COUNCIL.

TOWN ASKED TO JOIN IN AN ANTI SOFT COAL CRUSADE.

Bids for Water Main Extension Work Rejected—Petition for Improvement of Carteret Street—Seymour P. Gilbert Appointed Member of the Board of Health to Fill Vacancy Caused by Death of Harry White.

At the regular meeting of the Town Council held Monday night Town Clerk Wm. L. Johnson read a communication from the Common Council of Orange requesting that Bloomfield join the other municipalities interested in an effort to compel the Erie Railroad Company to discontinue the use of soft coal. The gas and smoke nuisance, the communication stated, was becoming unbearable. The communication was signed by Thos. R. Watson, City Clerk, and asked for a prompt reply, as legislative action might be necessary. The matter was referred to the legal committee.

The bids for the work of extending the water mains opened on November 5, were on motion of Councilman Green, chairman of the water committee, rejected and checks ordered returned to the several bidders.

Petitions from residents of Myrtle avenue for a water main in that street, and from Henry Flinner for an extension of the water main in Ella street, were read by Mr. Green, chairman of the water committee. Mr. Green said that the water department had on hand about 4,700 feet of six-inch pipe, and moved that the water committee be authorized to lay a main in Ella street to supply Mr. Flinner's new building and 1,300 on Myrtle avenue. This motion was carried, with an amendment by Mr. Farand that 500 feet of main be laid in Warren street, from Essex avenue, east, as soon as the pipe can be procured. A petition was also read, which was signed by twenty residents, for the extension of the water main on Broad street from where it now ends at Watchung avenue to the Passaic county line. The petition was referred to the water committee.

Councilman Murray of the auditing committee, reported progress on the audit of water department accounts. Mr. Murray said there were some items in the report that he wished to confer with Mr. Fleck about.

James E. Hampson, John Bland, Alfred Blunt and others petitioned the Council to grade Carteret street, \$100 accompanying the petition. The same parties also requested the Council to lay a water main in the street.

Town Attorney Halfpenny submitted a statement of the expenditure of the \$200 given him by the Council to procure Supreme Court searches for the confirmation of adjustment of taxes. The statement showed that he had disbursed \$139.83 for that purpose and had a balance of \$69.17. The matter was referred to the auditing committee, who referred it to the clerk's room, and on their return moved to accept the statement, which was done.

The vacancy in the Board of Health caused by the death of Harry White was filled Monday night, when Mayor Fisher named Seymour P. Gilbert to fill out the unexpired term. The appointment was unanimously concurred in. Mayor Fisher cited Mr. Gilbert's long experience in Health Board matters as his reason for appointing him.

Chief of Police Collins reported fourteen arrests and \$20 collected in fines during November.

Town Engineer Baechlin reported the Bloomfield avenue at Newark and the Glenwood avenue sewer as completed satisfactorily.

An invitation of Mayor Fisher, Mayor-elect Wm. P. Sutphen took a seat beside him during the session of the Council.

An ordinance to repeal an ordinance which provided for the appointment of a chief of police for two years was passed. This was done to clear the way for the introduction of an ordinance at a later date which would make the chief's appointment permanent. Two of the present patrolmen were seeking the appointment of chief when the present chief, Louis M. Collins, term expires, on January 1, next.

Car Hit Coach.
Emery Ward, fifty years old, of No. 17 street, colored, while driving a coach along Garfield street, Newark, was struck by Bloomfield avenue car No. 1632, going east on that thoroughfare, Sunday afternoon. Emery was thrown to the pavement and sustained injuries to the right shoulder and knee. He was taken to the Newark City Hospital in a patrol wagon, and after his hurts were treated he went home. The coach was slightly damaged.

Christmas Bazaar.

A Christmas bazaar was held yesterday, from 3 to 10 o'clock P. M., under the auspices of the Senior King's Daughters' Circle of the Congregational Church of Glen Ridge, to raise funds to carry on their charitable work of the winter.

To Sing the Messiah.

Residents of the Oranges and surrounding towns who are interested in musical culture should appreciate and encourage the work being done by the Orange Mendelssohn Union in presenting the highest forms of choral music. Handel's "Messiah" will be given at the Orange Theatre on Thursday, December 20, with a large chorus, the best obtainable soloists, and a full metropolitan orchestra.

The conductor, Mr. Arthur Mess, while in Munich last year secured a copy of a programme of the "Messiah," arranged by Chrysander, the eminent German editor of the only complete Handel edition and author of the most thorough biography of that composer. This programme will be followed at the coming concert. As the "Messiah" cannot be performed in its entirety within the time usually allotted to a concert, a number of very effective choruses are necessarily omitted. In order to familiarize the public with these, it has been the policy of the Orange Mendelssohn Union to include in its performance of the oratorio from year to year one or the other of them, until in the course of time all of the choruses will have been heard. At the coming concert the two choruses not often heard, "And With His Stripes" and "The Lord Gave the Word," the latter one of particular dash and brilliancy, which will be sung, will undoubtedly prove of great interest to all the lovers of Handel's forceful choral style.

All music lovers should be quick to appreciate this opportunity to hear under such favorable conditions this oratorio, which has grown to be so closely associated with the spirit of Christmastide, and should give this effort practical encouragement. Tickets are for sale at the Orange Theatre.

Withholds Consent.

Permission was again asked by the Glen Ridge Cemetery Association at the meeting of the Belleville Township Committee Tuesday night to use the property owned by it in Belleville for cemetery purposes. It was decided to have the committee visit the property next Sunday, so that the members can arrive at some definite idea as to its location and value.

Jesse O. Green represented the association. When he had explained the purpose of his visit Committeeman Green said that in consulting the township map he found the property extended 1,735 feet on Jerolmon street. As the cemetery property is exempt from taxation, he continued, if the permission was given to use that land to inter bodies the township would lose the revenue from it. He did not think the request should be granted unless the association promised to reimburse the township in another way. He thought it should agree to light the street fronting its property. In that event he did not believe there would be any difficulty in getting permission.

He was asked by Mr. Green what the cost would be, and he replied that it would be \$1 a month for a light every 300 feet. The association could not afford this, said its representative. There are about 300 feet available for cemetery purposes, he said, and the rest of the land is often flooded by the Third river. He called the attention of the committee to the property owned by the association on the opposite side of the street, which the association intended to build on. There would be revenue for the township in this. It was then decided to inspect the property.

Lodge of Sorrows.

The memorial service called Lodge of Sorrows held under the auspices of Bloomfield Lodge, Order of Elks, in Central Hall, Sunday afternoon, was attended by a large audience. The service was an impressive one. The organ was delivered by Past Exalted Euler Samuel J. MacDonald. Tribute was paid by Mr. MacDonald to the departed brethren of the order. The service was an impressive one. Those who participated in the programme were: William M. Moore, Miss Florence D. Moore, Miss Emily D. Moore, Exalted Euler William Johnson, Miss Helen Devoy, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Robert Holden, John L. Stone, W. M. Moore.

The committee having charge of the Lodge of Sorrows was composed of the following: George Hammel, August H. Steinert, Nicholas Duggan, Samuel J. MacDonald, William A. Ide, William Johnson, John F. Dillon, Harry G. Weeks, Charles F. Hammel, S. Elbert Raymond. But two members have passed away in five years.

Xmas Trees, Holly and Mistletoe, Wreaths, Bells, Tree Ornaments, Can-dies, etc., etc.

Most complete assort-ment at city prices, on sale after December 15th, at vacant lot adjoining hardware store, Bloomfield Centre, Glen-Non, No. 8 Broad street.—Add.

HAPPY AMEN.

To the Long Controversy Over Water Department Profits—Conciliatory Work Deferred by the Factional Dispute—How the Minority Gained the Advantage.

The long and bitter controversy over the matter of extending water mains that has been the predominating feature of Councilmanic proceedings for the past year was apparently brought to a close Monday night when the bids for water main extensions were rejected.

It is likely that the next Council, instead of attempting water main extensions on a large scale, will deal with the respective positions for water mains in the order of their presentation or of their importance and necessity. The controversy was a baneful one in its effect upon the administration of public affairs. It divided the Council into two distinct factions and the predominating power of the majority faction was so forcibly applied that the minority faction felt that discussion of public matters of any kind was almost useless.

The controversy was a needless one. The chairman of the water committee brought it on by an overzealous ambition to display masterly ability in the management of the water department under his administration of that department's affairs. Previous to the attempt to show an enormous profit in the operation of the town's water plant there had been no particular criticism of the water department. Tax-payers appeared to be satisfied with the assurance that the water department was keeping about even up in its receipts and expenditures.

Water department affairs were in a tolerably peaceful state until the chairman of the water committee brought forward a scheme for water main extensions that staggered some of his colleagues in the Council by its magnitude and the amount of expenditure involved in it.

The project was opposed for two reasons. One was that the locality wherein it was to lay two-thirds of the new mains, was one where there was no immediate necessity for them. The second objection was the amount of money involved. The chairman of the water committee met the second objection with the assertion that the cost of the work could be paid from the profits of the water department. The chairman of the water department was apparently so enthused with the belief that the water department was making the large profit that he claimed for it, he had the courage to attempt to prove it through the business like medium of a financial report.

The minority had been repeatedly voted down on every question that went to a vote during the controversy and opposition to the scheme of the chairman of the water committee, appeared hopeless and useless. The minority, however, continued a patient game, and when the chairman of the water committee committed himself to statistics in writing, the minority saw their opportunity and let the trap spring, and from that time on the chairman of the water committee was fighting blindly and was forced from one position to another and entangled himself in contradictions and inconsistencies, and finally abandoned his project. Thus ended a long and needless fight. The next administration will probably steer clear of any repetition of it.

Folk Songs of Ireland.

Professor Lewis William Armstrong, musical lecturer for the New York Board of Education will lecture on the "Folk Songs of Ireland" in the Center School, Liberty street, Friday evening, Decem-ber 14. This will be the third number of the public lecture series given by the Bloomfield Board of Education. No admission will be charged.

Professor Armstrong, who is a forceful lecturer and a highly cultured singer, will illustrate his lecture with many of the old ballads which have made Celtic folk song famous throughout the world.

Perhaps it may not be too much to say that to-day an acquaintance with folk song is considered essential to an intelligent appreciation of the best modern music. Many of these old songs are very beautiful; some are full of historical interest and all are quaint, characteristic and abounding in human interest, bringing us in touch with the heart-life of the people who gave them utterance, as nothing else can do. The lecturer's recognition high standing in the realm of song guarantees to all lovers of music an exceptional musical treat.

Shubert Theatre.

An unusually strong military play, entitled "Taps" or "Lights Out" with the distinguished young actor John E. Kellard in the role of Sergeant Volkhardt, will be the attraction at the Shubert Theatre, Newark, next week, beginning on Monday evening.

Mr. Kellard, with his own company of notable players, now appearing in the principal cities of the middle West, produced directly from the Lyric Theatre, New York, to St. Louis, Mo., in which former city "Taps" was originally produced in America, and where it was instantly successful.

CHURCH NOTES.

Preachers Who Will Occupy Local Palpits To-morrow—Essex County Christian Endeavor Rally—Other Church Matters.

Christ Episcopal Church elected these officers Monday night: Warden for two years, Thaddeus S. Geale; vestryman, Arthur D. Reid, Charles R. Stauffer and Dr. Frederick G. Saul; delegates to Diocesan Convention, Charles H. Sielek, George W. Hulart and W. H. Sayre, Jr.; alternates, Talbot Root, John G. Crawford and Eugene Bouton.

The December rally of the Essex County Christian Endeavor Society was held in the First Baptist Church Monday night.

About three hundred and fifty members of the society were present from all parts of this county.

The Rev. David Brewer Eddy of Trinity Congregational Church, East Orange, spoke on "The Greatest Opportunity—A Challenge to Christendom." The competition for the new union banner was won by the Elizabeth Avenue (Newark) Presbyterian Church, which had forty-two members present.

Rev. Hugh Black, M. A., will preach in the First Congregational Church of Montclair to-morrow morning.

Rev. Dr. J. C. Ryder, secretary of the American Missionary Association, will speak in the Glen Ridge Congregational Church to-morrow morning and evening. His morning subject will be "Our Heritage of Responsibility." In the evening he will give his famous lecture entitled "Christian Truths in Slave Songs," illustrated by plantation melodies rendered by the choir.

The services in the Watsessing M. E. Church to-morrow will be as follows: At 10:30 A. M. Mr. J. Silmon will relate his conversion to Christ and the Jewish conversion to Christianity. The pastor will preach at 7:30 P. M. on "The Judge before the Prisoner."

A spider web social was held in the First Baptist Church Thursday night under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society. Vocal selections by the Glee Club of the John M. Carvel Bible Class, readings by Wm. Mandell and cornet solos by Miss Ethel Derby were features of the evening's entertainment. A social gathering was held in the church parlor and refreshments served.

Two hundred years have elapsed since the organization of the first American Presbytery, and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church has honored the bi-centennial in an appropriate manner. The Synod of New Jersey has also suggested to all its ministers that they should observe some convenient Sunday as an occasion for a suitable historical review of these two hundred years of religious experience.

The Burden Bearers' Circle of the King's Daughters' Society of the First Baptist Church held a meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mahlon Talmadge, No. 209 Ashland avenue. Plans for Christmas work were discussed.

The Ladies' Home Mission Society of the First Baptist Church held a meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mahlon Talmadge, No. 209 Ashland avenue. Plans for Christmas work were discussed.

The Rev. Mr. Hughes who occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church last Sunday will occupy the pulpit of that church again to-morrow.

Rev. Dr. Judson Swift, field secretary of the American Tract Society, will preach in the Westminster Presbyterian Church to-morrow.

The Rev. Mr. Paulsen, President of the Theological University at Kropp, Steigwag, Germany, will preach a farewell sermon on Monday evening, December 10, at 8 o'clock, in the German Lutheran Church, Liberty street, corner Austin place.

Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Smith of 15 Spruce street celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, November 26, and out of a family of eight children that grew to manhood and womanhood, seven came home to greet their parents on that eventful day. Mr. Smith's family numbers thirty-one children and grandchildren and one great grandchild, and on Thanksgiving day of this year they celebrated the thirty-second year of their gathering around the home board—there having been only three ommissions of the time-honored custom in all these years.

Literary Extravaganza.

The Literary Study Circle of the Watsessing M. E. Church held a meeting last week at the home of Mrs. Griffith Jones. The evening was spent with William Worthworth, the poet, and the programme was as follows: Story of his life, Mrs. Griffith Jones; sketch of the Lake Region, Ernest Schobold; story of "Ode to Duty," Miss Margie E. Dunn; story of "The Reverie of Poet Susan," Miss Little Law; story of "Daffodil," Miss Ella M. Dunn; story of "Tintern Abbey," Mrs. Schobold; "His Love of Nature, Birds, Birds, etc., Miss Olive H. Wyke; a review of current books, Willard W. Miller; review of current events, Miss Edith L. Bosch.

Heads for Grand Jury.

Police Recorder George W. Cadmus, postmaster, Domingo Sargado of No. 25 Mulberry street, Newark, under \$500 bonds yesterday to await the action of the grand jury on the complaint made against him by Mrs. Joseph Monge of Silver Lake.

The charge is assault and threat to kill.

Firemen's Election.

The annual meeting of Montgomery Hose Company, No. 2, was held Thursday night; Archon, John N. Deishegan; provost, Cyrus F. Pierson; prelate, Harvey D. Harrison; secretary, Leonard C. Haskell; treasurer, George W. Heath; inspector, J. Howard Hardcastle; warden, Oscar P. Aopping; sentinel, Wilbur Harrison; trustees—Charles A. Keyler, Charles W. Martin and A. P. Campbell.

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Blanket-Hall.

The Watsessing basket-ball team will

resume playing at Central Hall the

latter part of the month. The line-up

will be as follows: Tim Johnson, cen-

tre; J. Covington, right guard; H.

Byrne, left guard; James Cullen, left

forward; August Manderscheid, right

forward; T. P. Higgins, substitute.

AN OLD CHARTER

CAUSES THE PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TO ABANDON PLANS

For Shutting Off Bloomfield Cars from Market Street—Intended to Use Bank Street Loop—Effect Will Be to Have Old Charter Amended.

The congestion of trolley cars on

Market street, east of Broad, Newark,

is a matter that the Public Service officials and the Newark city officials are

struggling with in order to relieve the crowded condition of Market street and facilitate trolley traffic.

The Public Service Corporation would like to abandon the present plan of running the Bloomfield cars to the Market street station

of the Pennsylvania Railroad,

and thought that they had that matter

settled when the Bank street loop was constructed.

It was the intention to turn the Bloomfield cars off Broad street

at Bank street and make the return trip

by way of the loop, but, some Bloomfield dug up the charter of the Newark